



Overview

The Steps - click on each to learn more:



Step 1

Build community interest; have program staff visit your community; join GreenStep by adopting a council resolution.



Step 2

Post brief info on this website about what you've already done; be recognized for implementing between 4 & 8 best practices.



Step 3

Implement at your own pace an additional 4 – 8 best practices; complete a handful of high-impact best practice actions (ask us for help).



Step 4

Measure and report on between 7 and 15 community performance metrics.



Step 5

Show improvement in community performance metrics.

Becoming a GreenStep City

Of Minnesota's 854 cities, approximately 500 are under 1,000 in population, about 83% are under 5,000 in population, and roughly 35 have a population over 25,000. With such a diversity of cities, no one process will fit all cities in organizing work to become a GreenStep City and to progress through the recognition steps. Depending on your city, work may start mostly at the city staff, citizen commission or city council level and fit well into existing plans and efforts, moving later to incorporate and leverage work efforts by civic organizations. Or the impetus for implementing GreenStep best practices may start with a civic group and be mostly done by community members and community organizations, with the city council in a supportive and active role as needed. In either case, city councils are in control of formal participation in this voluntary, continuous improvement program and choose which of the many optional GreenStep actions are a good fit for the unique history and culture of their city.

- Step 1: use a sample resolution
- GreenStep recognition steps 2 and 3
- City performance metrics steps 4 and 5